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1. SUMMARY: VARIOUS ASPECTS OF REGISTRATION OF
PERSONS CARRYING IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS UNDER CON-
SIDERATION BY SEVERAL UK AGENCIES, BUT NO FORMAL
PROCEDURES EXIST TO DATE. INFORMATION
REGARDING CURRENT US REGULATIONS AND PROCEEDURES IS
NOT AVAILABLE HERE AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED. END
SUMMARY.

2. PER DR. W. WINTERSGILL, SENIOR PRINCIPAL MEDICAL
OFFICER, DEPT OF HEALTH, 14 RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON,
CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL ATTENTION BY SUCH PERSONS HAS LED TO INFORMAL
DECISION TO DEVELOP ADVISORY OR REGULATORY PROCEDURES.
EFFORT HAS JUST COMMENCED, AND NO DOCUMENT AVAILABLE.
PROBLEM COMPLICATED FOR VISITORS TO UK BY SCARCITY
OF PRIVATE CLINICS AND HOSPITAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE
THAT ARE QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY
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CARE. NO CONSOLIDATED LIST EXISTS, EVEN FOR LONDON.
AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SCICOUNS WINTERSGILL AGREED TO
INITIATE PREPARATION OF SUCH A LIST, WHICH WILL BE
PROVIDED TO NRC. WINTERSGILL NOTED THE SEMI ANNUAL
TRI PARTITE CONFERENCES AMONG US, UK AND CANADIAN
MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. THIS SPRING'S MEETING,
TO BE HELD IN LONDON, WILL FOCUS ON MEDICAL DEVICES

AND WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS. DAVID LINK OF THE NIH (?) BUREAU OF MEDICAL DEVICES IS EXPECTED US ATTENDEE. SUGGEST THIS POSSIBILITY BE DISCUSSED WITH NIH.

3. UK IMMIGRATION AND VISA SERVICE AWARE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDS SUCH VISITORS CARRY A LETTER FROM THEIR DOCTOR AT ALL TIMES. NO FORMAL REGULATIONS EXIST, HOWEVER.

4. UK ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY POSITION DITTO THAT OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

5. UK NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTORATE REPORTS SIMILAR QUERY FROM FRG AUTHORITIES. PROBLEM IS OF CURRENT INTEREST IN A NON-MEDICAL CONTEXT AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION OF A CADAVER CARRYING AN IMPLANTED PACEMAKER (CHEMICAL BATTERY POWERED) DURING CREMATION. RULES GOVERNING THIS CASE UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE.

6. ENQUIRY OF US EMB CONSULAR SECTION REVEALS THAT INFORMATION ON IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS IS NOT REQUESTED OF APPLICANTS FOR US VISAS. THIS RAISES QUESTION OF HOW PROBLEM RECIPROCAL TO THAT RAISED BY REFERENCED CABLE IS DEALT WITH. REQUEST NRC PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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SCICOUNS WITH CURRENT US REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES IN THIS AREA.

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